

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the UGC, at present, 102 colleges are functioning as autonomous colleges as per details given below:

<i>Name of the State</i>	<i>No. of Autonomous Colleges</i>
Andhra Pradesh	16
Gujarat	2
Madhya Pradesh	28
Orissa	5
Rajasthan	5
Tamil Nadu	44
Uttar Pradesh	2

The autonomous status to a college is granted by its parent university to which it is affiliated, with the concurrence of the UGC and the concerned State Government. The difference in the number of autonomous colleges in different States is due to the varying degree of acceptance of the Scheme of autonomous colleges by the various universities/State Governments.

(c) and (d) The Commission provides assistance to autonomous colleges to meet their additional and special needs. The amount of grant is determined on the basis of the programmes offered by such colleges at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The ceiling of normal assistance provided to autonomous colleges varies from Rs. 4.00 lakhs to Rs. 7.00 lakhs per annum as per details given below:

(a) *Undergraduate Level*

Rs. lakhs p.a.

(i) Arts/Science/Commerce (any one faculty)	4.00
(ii) Arts, Science and Commerce faculties	6.00
(iii) Undergraduate and Postgraduate Composite College	7.00

The Commission provided a grant of Rs. 515.00 lakhs to autonomous colleges during the 7th Plan and Rs. 53.77 lakhs during 1990-91.

Advance Cancer Centres in Northern India

4291. **SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cancer centres in the country where highly advance course of cancer Surgery, research, training and treatment is provided;

(b) whether such advance centres of cancer Surgery, research and treatment do not exist in Northern part of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to set up advance research centres on the lines of Tata Cancer Centre Bombay in Northern Parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI-MATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) There are 10 Regional Cancer Centres in the country, including the Northern Region, as detailed below:

- (1) Gujarat Cancer Research Institute, Ahmedabad.
- (2) Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore.
- (3) Tata Memorial Hospital, Bombay.
- (4) Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Calcutta.
- (5) Regional Centre for Cancer Research & Treatment Society, Cuttack.
- (6) Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital, New Delhi.
- (7) Dr. B. B. Cancer Institute, Guwahati.

(8) Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Gwalior.

(9) Cancer Institute, Madras.

(10) Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum.

(c) There is no proposal in this Ministry to set up advance cancer research centres in the country. However, there is a scheme for development of Oncology Wings in Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals in those areas of the country where at present cancer treatment facilities are not available.

Betwa Action Plan

4292. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state the time by which Betwa Action Plan of Madhya Pradesh, for which financial assistance has been sought from Japan is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): The Betwa Action Plan of Madhya Pradesh was proposed for Japanese financial assistance under the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) for the year 1991-92. The Japanese Government have, however, not agreed to provide OECF assistance for the project.

Orissa Social Forestry Project

4293. DR. KARTIKESWAR PASTRA: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are funding and implementing Orissa Social Forestry Project with aid from Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA); and

(b) if so, the details of funds spent, targets given and achievements made in different district of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Beggars in Metropolitan Cities

4294. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beggars in four metropolitan cities;

(b) the schemes proposed by the Government to rehabilitate beggars; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The number of beggars is not known.

(b) At present there is no such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

Land Distribution to Adivasi and Tribal People

4295. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received complaints from tribal and Adivasi people regarding distribution of land under forest conservation Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Pursuant to representations from various quarters about the need for regularisation of long standing encroachments of forest lands by tribals and adivasis for